

## Notary News

Effective July 29, 2010, the following changes to the notary statutes will take effect:

Commission Expiration Date: Pursuant to A.R.S. 41-313(B)(3), notaries public will no longer be required to affix the date of the notary's commission expiration to documents on which the notary executes a notarial act. However, if the notary is performing a notarization and there is a blank line for the commission expiration date in the notarial certificate, the notary should fill in the information, as a notary should leave no blank spaces in a notarial certificate.

Satisfactory Evidence of Identity: In accord with A.R.S. 41-311(11), notaries public may accept the following forms of identification as proof of identity:

1. *An unexpired driver license that is issued by a state or territory of the United States.*
2. *An unexpired passport that is issued by the United States Department of State.*
3. *An unexpired identification card that is issued by any branch of the United States Armed Forces.*
4. *Any other unexpired identification card that is issued by the United States government or a state or tribal government, that contains the individual's photograph, signature and physical description that contains the individual's height, weight, color of hair and color of eyes.*
5. *The oath or affirmation of a credible person who is personally known to the notary and who personally knows the individual.*
6. *The oath or affirmation of a credible person who personally knows the individual and who provides satisfactory evidence of identity pursuant to item 1, 2, 3, or 4 above.*
7. *Personal knowledge of the individual by the notary.*

In addition to the forms of satisfactory evidence of identity listed above, for purposes of real estate conveyance or financing, identity may be evidenced by one of the following:

1. *A valid unexpired passport that is issued by a national government other than the United States government and that is accompanied by a valid unexpired visa or other documentation that is issued by the United States government and that is necessary to establish an individual's legal presence in the United States.*
2. *Any other valid unexpired identification that is deemed acceptable by the United States Department of Homeland Security to establish an individual's legal presence in the United States and that is accompanied with supporting documents as required by the United States Department of Homeland Security.\**

*\*For examples of such items, please visit the [United States Department of State website](#) for a list of visa waiver nations, nations whose visitors may not be required to obtain visas prior to visiting the United States. Additionally, please visit the [Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative website](#) for examples of alternative forms of documentation accepted from certain visitors from Canada and Mexico.*